

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For July: Integrity

Integrity: (1) firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values, (2) an unimpaired condition, (3) the quality or state of being complete or undivided, (4) incapable of corruption, (5) honesty, sincerity. **Character Ed** is a Chamber-led community wide initiative working to create a "culture of character" by focusing on a new word each month. **Please include the monthly Character Ed word in any media opportunities.**

July Meeting Hosted By Maple Street Grill

The July membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, July 7th**, at **Maple Street Grill**. Lesia Hessee of AO Employment Services will be the guest speaker.

The lunch specials for **Wednesday, July 7th** will be: (1) **Lasagna Combo** - Lasagna, small deluxe salad and garlic toast. \$6.99, (2) **Summer Lite** - Mixed greens topped with mandarin oranges, dried cranberries, gorgonzola cheese and candied pecans. (Add chicken or steak for \$3.00). Served with Raspberry Vinaigrette. \$5.99, (3) **Bacon Cheese Burger** - 1/2lb. char-broiled burger topped with American cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle chips, served with fries. \$6.99, (4) **Chicken Quesadillas** - A flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, cheese, peppers and onions, then grilled to a golden brown for \$6.99, (5) **Fried Shrimp Platter** - Butterfly shrimp in a oriental breading, deep fried, and served with fries, cole slaw. \$4.99, (6) **Ham & Provolone Grinder** - Smoked ham and provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle chips, and Dijon Mayo on a French roll. Served with fries or pasta salad. \$5.99 **Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service. Maple Street's phone number is 345-5045.**

Business Spotlight ~ Dallas County Health Department

The Dallas County Health Department is a unique community service. They are neither a State nor a County office. They are a political subdivision. This means they have ability to ask for tax support from the community but if they can't pay the electric bill they have no one to bail them out.

They focus on community health not primary medical care. They look and analyze trends they see in the community health and assess the needs to look for best way to protect their residents.

Obesity and tobacco usage are the top two of their priority issues. Their 2008 Community Health Data Report is available on their website. It covers many topics/issues in Dallas County.

They are most proud of the fact that they achieved accreditation from the Missouri Institute of Community Health in 2009 with their partners at the Hickory County Health Department. Of the 114 local public health agencies in Missouri only 16 are accredited and Dallas/Hickory joint collaborative accreditation was the first of its kind in Missouri.

History

In November 1953, by vote of the people the Health Department was established with a 10 cent mill tax.

The doors soon opened in January 1954. The first Board Members were appointed by the County Commission.

In 1956, the five member board was elected by a vote of the people. These five were Dr. Evelyn Griffin, Dorothy Steelman, Kenneth Nyberg, Margaret Blodgett and Ralph Stanton.

The expenses for services in 1956 are reported to be \$7,337.27 or about 71 cents per person in the county. The expenses for services in 2008 were \$556,773 or about 33.35 cents per person.

Many of the primary services are the same today as they were in 1953. Communicable Disease including sexually transmitted disease, TB control and immunizations are still high priority issues.

In 1956, 396 persons received services from the health department. In 2008, 15335 persons had contact with the staff of the health department. As the county has grown their services have had to adapt to meet the demand of the local population.

Mission

Dallas County Health Department is a community funded public health preventive service provider. They strive at all times to maximize the use of community resources, to develop high impact programs and interact with community partners and the public in order to improve the health delivery system for Dallas County residents. They set a very high standard for measurable outcomes within the community. They try to lay the foundations for greater improvements for the overall community health. Through collaborative efforts with a wide array of community and external resources and organizations they are more likely to succeed.

Business Spotlight ~ Blue Buffalo Media

Blue Buffalo Media is an area provider of website design and graphic design services for small to medium-size businesses, events, schools, and organizations. Starting in Buffalo, Missouri in 2006 by Tom Windeknecht, Blue Buffalo Media has grown its portfolio to include many local businesses, as well as businesses within Missouri and some out-of-state...not to mention the Chamber's website.

Blue Buffalo Media also provides services in optimizing websites to be better found on search engines, also known as SEO (Search Engine Optimization). Other services include marketing websites, website maintenance, blogs, social marketing, web hosting, business card design, and logo design.

Affordable rates and excellent customer service are what Blue Buffalo Media prides itself on more than anything. To learn more about its services, Blue Buffalo Media can be reached by calling (417) 567-0091, or by email at info@bluebuffalomediamedia.com. You can also visit www.bluebuffalomediamedia.com to view the full-range of services offered and the portfolio of clients and designs.

Dallas County Neighborhood Watch

Sheriff Mike Rackley has asked for everyone's help in rallying the community to be proactive towards theft in our neighborhoods. If we band together as a county, we can detour the unlawful element from preying on Dallas County. July 4th - Independence Day, the day we celebrate our Nations freedom, let's celebrate freedom from crooks by coming together as a community and promoting the Dallas County Neighborhood Watch Program. One of the best ways you can do that is by displaying a Neighborhood Watch sign in your yard, on your street or in your business.

July is the start of our Dallas County Neighborhood Watch sign campaign. We have two different sizes and styles available to us.

The first is a 7" x 10" powder coated aluminum blank with black hi-performance vinyl lettering. It will have the Neighborhood Watch logo and your address number. Ideal for mailbox post, gatepost, or anywhere officers can see it if they are trying to find your residence. We have negotiated the price to just \$20.00 for this sign. If you would like reflective red lettering the cost is \$25.

The second sign is a 12" by 18" reflective sign that is excellent for marking an area, neighborhood, community or stretch of road. Cost for this one is an even \$30.00.

To order your sign pick your size and color, make your check payable to Lee Proctor. In the memo line write the 911 address number if ordering the 7x10. Make sure your phone number is on the check. Mail to Lee Proctor P.O. Box 1751 Buffalo, MO 65622 or call the Sheriff's Department at 345-2441. For the complete newsletter about the Dallas County Neighborhood Watch Program you can email **Lee Proctor** at proc1@quixnet.net.

New Member ~ BACH

Buffalo Area Christian Homeschoolers (BACH) is a non-profit Christian group in Dallas County, Missouri. It is organized and operated by volunteers from homeschooling families in Buffalo and the surrounding areas. Their group is based on Christian morals and values and their entire leadership team is Christian, yet all homeschooling families are welcome to participate regardless of their reason for homeschooling, political affiliation, or religion. Most BACH families are Christian and although they attend a variety of churches, they share a common bond: desire to glorify God in all that they do, to be a model of Christ's love, and to serve others.

Our Mission

Their primary mission is to support and encourage parents in their God-appointed responsibility of training (which includes educating) their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As Christian educators, they believe that education begins by following biblical principles to train their children as they are instructed in Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go (in keeping with his individual gift or bent), and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Their group is also dedicated to representing the home school community in a manner that honors Jesus Christ and promoting home education for the glory of God. It is their express desire that, as a result of their efforts, the Lord Jesus Christ is honored and exalted in their families, home schools, and community.

Our Purpose

Homeschooling, by definition, brings families together to live, learn, play, and work. BACH's purpose is to be an extension of that idea. By bringing families together, they are able to use their strengths to create a valuable learning experience for the whole family - both children and parents. Although there are some BACH activities that, by their nature, necessitate some degree of age segregation, it is their goal to encourage cooperation between all ages. A safe, fun, family oriented atmosphere is provided where parents and children can meet to share ideas and develop activities that enhance the home school experience. As a result, their group offers activities, opportunities, fellowship, support, and encouragement for the whole homeschooling family.

BACH endeavors to:

- * Provide enriching educational opportunities for area homeschoolers which allow them to interact with others who are taught at home.
- * Provide a wholesome social environment for area homeschooled children and young adults.
- * Provide support for parents who educate their children at home.
- * Provide group activities.
- * Pool our resources in order to provide supplemental educational tools and teaching aids for homeschoolers.
- * Provide a godly, Christian representation of homeschooling to the community.

Early Head Start

Now enrolling pregnant and parenting teens, Early Head Start is a high quality child development program for children 0-3 and pregnant women. Early Head Start provides medical and dental care, meals, and a great learning experience for your infant or toddler. Families must meet income guidelines. Pregnant women and children under 3 are eligible and priority is given to children who are receiving First Step services. Transportation assistance provided to Early Head Start activities. Call your Early Head Start advocate Stevie at 345-2240 to enroll your child.

Charity Golf Tournament At Dream Valley Golf Course

All proceeds benefit the rescue of homeless canines and felines in their community. It will be held on August 21st, 9:30 AM shot-gun start. 2 person teams, and hole sponsors are needed, call to get pricing (great advertising for your business!) There is a \$100.00 entry fee per team, includes golf cart and lunch, (grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a drink). Cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, plus prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and a \$1000.00 Hole-in-One. To become a Hole Sponsor or to sign up a team, contact Mary Jane Newton by August 6th at 417-345-0144

July Events

- 7th Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - Noon
- 11th Celebration of God & Country** - Calvary Freewill Baptist Church 7:00PM games and food, 9:30PM fireworks.
- 15th Expo Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - 11:00AM
- 22-24 Old Settlers Reunion** - Louisburg Picnic
- 23rd Grace Community UMC Golf Tournament** - Dream Valley Golf Course
- 27th Meet the Candidates** - Simms - 7:00PM
- 30th Ozark Empire Fair**